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**INFO:** Embassy HONG KONG 087  
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**SUBJECT:** Polish Reaction to Cancellation of Warsaw Talks

RTX: Moscow 554, Warsaw 468

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